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Week ended December 19. *Smallpox*.—Cases: Rotonda 1, Pietragalla (Potenza) 5, Mammola 18, Canolo 40, Grotteria 1, Cittanova 67, Polistena 18, S. Giorgio Morgeto 1, Radicena 1, Oppido 1, Antonina 2, Tutrinoli (Reggio Calabria) 3, Trapani 1, Alcamo (Trapani) 1.

#### JAPAN.

*Reports from Yokohama—Inspection and disinfection of vessels—Decrease of cholera at Kobe and Yokohama—Smallpox at Kobe—Cholera at Tokyo—Plague at Osaka.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, December 12 and 26:

Week ended December 7. Four vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 402 passengers and 335 crew, were inspected and granted bills of health. The *Benavon*, for Cebu, was disinfected in part, her crew were bathed and their effects disinfected. All crew and steerage passengers embarking here are handled in the same way, and at present, on account of sanitary conditions in the Empire, steerage passengers are registered and remain five days in approved hotels before being allowed to embark.

Cholera has nearly disappeared from Yokohama. It is dying out in Kobe, but smallpox is prevalent. Plague continues to spread in Osaka.

From September 25 to December 3, 228 cases of cholera with 125 deaths were reported in Tokyo.

Week ended December 21. The steamship *Erroll*, for New York, was fumigated in part to kill vermin, and all steerage passengers were held for five days' observation, if through or from infected territory, and bathed, their effects being disinfected.

Cholera seems to be extinct at Yokohama.

Smallpox has appeared in the city, but has been confined to 8 cases in one focus. In Kobe the disease prevails.

Representatives from the central health office have reported that the plague conditions in Osaka are very serious, and that the disease has such a foothold there that the following steps should be taken:

Preparations to isolate 100,000 persons; disinfection of about 500,000 houses, and destruction of rats. The local authorities are now considering the matter and meantime fighting the rats, infected rats being found, it is said, in every district of the city.

#### *Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Nippon Maru* recommended December 18 for rejection: For Honolulu, 9; advised to wait, 32. For San Francisco, advised to wait, 1. Aliens examined at Kobe and transferred from, 4.

*Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox—Plague at Osaka.*

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Slade reports, December 19:

Week ended December 14. Three supplemental bills of health were granted to 3 steamships and 1 original bill of health was granted to 1 steamship, altogether an aggregate personnel of 1,201. There were inspected 4 vessels, 605 members of crews, and 516 steerage passengers. Manifests were issued for 59,764 pieces of freight.